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TO: All Interested Parties

DATE: January 11, 2008

SUBJECT: New Implementation Advisory Group for the In-Use Off-road Diesel Vehicle Regulation

On July 26, 2007, the Air Resources Board (ARB) approved for adoption the in-use off-road diesel vehicle regulation (the regulation). The regulation will significantly reduce air pollution from the nearly 180,000 off-road diesel vehicles that operate in California by requiring fleet owners to accelerate turnover to cleaner engines and install exhaust retrofit devices. When implemented, the regulation will prevent approximately 4,000 premature deaths, and provide significant emission reductions necessary for many areas of the state to meet clean air standards. The regulation requires that fleet owners begin reporting information about their fleets in the spring of 2009, and that owners of the state's largest fleets begin demonstrating emission reductions by the spring of 2010.

ARB staff is now beginning its efforts to implement the regulation. Staff is in the process of developing outreach, education and training materials, and reporting and compliance planning tools. During the workshop process prior to the regulation's approval, several industry stakeholders suggested that ARB should form an advisory group to assist staff with implementation.

ARB staff is committed to the successful implementation of the regulation, and believes that success begins by working cooperatively with stakeholders throughout the implementation process. As such, ARB staff would like to form an off-road implementation advisory group (ORIAG), which will be an informal committee established by staff to assist it in implementing the regulation. Staff is looking for the ORIAG to help fine tune our outreach, training, and implementation strategies and materials, and help make staff more aware of the needs and opinions of affected stakeholders.

We would like to invite interested parties to apply for membership in the ORIAG. To keep the size of the committee manageable, allow productive discussions, and ensure ORIAG represents a broad and diverse group of stakeholders, staff is soliciting applications for membership in the ORIAG in the categories listed in Attachment 1. Ideally, staff would like to appoint one or two members within each category listed. Other members of the public will be welcome to attend and participate in the ORIAG

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meetings, but comments from the general public may be limited to an open comment period at the end of each ORIAG meeting. ARB staff intends to discuss the overall structure of the committee at the first ORIAG meeting.

Responsibilities and Duties

The responsibilities of ORIAG members will be as follows:

- Attend meetings that will be held approximately every quarter from 2008 thru 2010. The meetings may last from 2 to 4 hours each. Participation may be in person or via teleconference.
- Discuss and provide ideas on ways of reaching and assisting affected fleets.
- Review and provide feedback on training presentations, handouts, flyers, and fact sheets developed by ARB staff.
- Review and provide feedback on reporting and compliance planning tools developed by ARB staff.
- Review and provide feedback on rule interpretation and guidance documents developed by ARB staff.

Before applying for membership, staff requests that potential members be sure they can commit to fulfill the responsibilities outlined above.

How to Apply

The application form is provided as Attachment 2. Please submit applications by **January 31, 2008** to:

Kim Heroy-Rogalski, Manager
Off-road Implementation Section
Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

Staff will appoint members by February 21, 2008, and plans to host the first meeting of ORIAG in March 2008.

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ARB staff thanks you for your interest in helping us make implementation of the regulation successful. If you have any questions regarding implementation of the regulation or participation in ORIAG, please contact Ms. Kim Heroy-Rogalski, Manager of the Off-road Implementation Section at (916) 327-2200 or kheroyro@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Erik C. White, Chief
Heavy-Duty Diesel In-Use Strategies Branch

Attachments

cc: Kim Heroy-Rogalski, Manager
Off-Road Implementation Section

Attachment 1 – ORIAG Member Categories: Staff would like to appoint one or two members within each category.

ORIAG Member Categories
Air district
Airport ground support equipment fleet
California Department of Transportation
Construction fleets (large)
Construction fleets (medium)
Construction fleets (small)
Emission control strategy manufacturer
Emission control strategy installer
Engine manufacturer
Environmental organization
Equipment dealer
Equipment manufacturer
Mining fleet
Municipality fleet
Other
Rental fleets
Rural attainment area fleet
Ski industry fleet
Trade Group/Industry Association

Attachment 2 - Application for Membership in ORIAG (due by January 31, 2008) -
Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Category (see Attachment 1): _____

If you believe an important category is missing – suggest another category:

Explanation of how you are qualified to represent the selected category:

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address (if different): _____

Description of employer fleet (if applicable): _____

Why you are interested and would be a good advisory group member:

If selected for participation in ORIAG, I commit to fulfill the responsibilities of an ORIAG member as outlined above.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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